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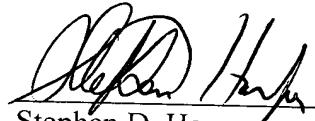
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Applicants wish to note that U.S. Pat. No. 6,197,126 is the U.S. equivalent of JP Hei 7-505445 (505,445/1995), which is referenced in the specification at page 1, lines 26-30.

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Enclosure

1. International Search Report (English Language)
2. IDC w/references